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Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News

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**November 2013**

**2013 HARC OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT: DON VARY, KDØHHN -- V-PRES: LUAN SANDBERG, KC9PGS**  
**SECRETARY: FRED MILLER, KBØWIL -- TREASURER: LARRY LAUER, WB2UFO**  
**TRUSTEE: CLIFF AHRENS, KØCA**  
**EDITOR: BONNIE SINCLAIR, WBØWAP**

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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:**

**Wednesday – November 13, at 7:30 PM**

**NOTE!!! NEXT MEETING LOCATION:** November 13th -We will be having the next meeting at the Marion County Health Department on Route “W” here in Hannibal.

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**MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST - OCTOBER 2013**

**4 WØPGL TONY**  
**11 KDØHHN DON**  
**18 KØDFW HOWARD**  
**25 KB9VIS BRIAN**

**FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2014**

**Hannibal, MO ARC 2014 Exam Dates will be announced later**

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at the Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid Avenue Hannibal, Mo 63401. Registration is required at

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least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at [kb0wil@arrl.net](mailto:kb0wil@arrl.net) or 573-221-2429.

The 2014 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

### **HARC CLUB DUES:**

**HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!**

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### **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK BY FRED MILLER KBØWIL**



**Previous meeting minutes:** September 11th, 2013

Motion to approve: Ed-K9WAY Seconded by: Oral-KØUBR

**Treasurers Report:** Larry-WB2UFO

Cash: \$1,301.70 CD: \$1,315.37 Total balance: \$2,617.07

Motion to approve: Cliff-KØCA Seconded by: Ed-K9WAY

**Repeater Report:** Fred-KBØWIL

The 146.625 and 146.880 repeaters are working as intended.

**ARRL Membership:** If you're a member of the ARRL, and renew your membership through the club, we receive a small portion of your renewal fee. If interested, contact Fred-KBØWIL. **Thank you** to the members

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who have renewed through the club already. If you're not an ARRL member, please consider joining, we need the ARRL to make sure we don't lose any of the amateur radio spectrum.

**Field Day 2014 Update:** We are having Field Day 2014 at the Marion County Health Department. Steve-KDØUVU received permission to have Field Day 2014, at the MCHD on Route 'W' here in Hannibal.

**NOTE:** Due to low attendance, at the HARC barbeque this year, we won't be having the Barbeque next year. We discussed having some sort of carry in of members, call in an order, or a small cook out, at the 2014 Field day. We will talk about this more, as Field Day approaches.

**2014 HARC Elections:** We discussed the upcoming 2014 HARC Officer Elections tonight, and here are the results:

Current Officers: President-Don KDØHHN  
Vice-Pres-Laun –KC9PGS  
Treas-Larry –WB2UFO  
Sec-Fred-KBØWIL  
Trustee-Cliff-KØCA

Luan-KC9PGS won't be running for Vice-President in 2014, so we are looking for someone who would like to be the HARC Vice-President.

Also, anyone else who would like to run for an officer , let us know at the next meeting.

**NOTE!!! Next meeting location: November 13th** -We will be having the next meeting at the Marion County Health Department on Route "W" here in Hannibal.

**HARC Christmas Party:** Our annual Christmas Party will be on December 11th, 2013, starting at **6:30 PM** , with the meeting to follow afterwards.

**Note!! The early start time.** Please bring a snack tray of some kind, to share with everyone present.

**HARC-Get Together Supper:** We discussed having our HARC Supper on Saturday February 8th, 2014. We also discussed, having the supper at either Game On, or Golden Corral here in Hannibal. The start time will be at 6:00PM. Fred-KBØWIL will check with both restaurants to see menu, and reservation options.

**ARRL Insurance:** We discussed purchasing insurance through the ARRL, to protect our equipment for lightning, or fire damage, etc. Fred-KBØWIL will investigate the cost associated with the various insurance plans, and update us at the next meeting.

**Motion to approve:** Ed-K9WAY Seconded by – Cliff-KØCA

**50/50:** The 50/50 was won by Dave-KBØRZN , and he donated it back to the club. Thanks Dave, the club really appreciates it.

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We gave away a Repeater Directory, which was donated by Cliff-KØCA. The lucky winner was Ed-K9WAY.

**VE Testing Tonight:** We had one examinee tonight. The VE Examiners were- Larry –WB2UFO, Oral-KØUBR and Fred-KBØWIL.

**HARC Snacks:** The club wants to thank, Luan-KC9PGS and Ed-K9WAY for bringing the great cookies to the meeting.

**Card of thanks:** We read the Thank You card from J.D. and Bonnie Sinclair, regarding the sympathy cards, e-mails, and flowers, that they received from the members of the HARC, regarding the loss of J.D.'s son, Donnie.

### **2013 ARRL Midwest Convention, November 8-9, 2013 Lebanon Mo.**

The Convention is shaping up to be a tremendous event. As you know the location of the Convention is at the Cowan Civic Center located at Lebanon, Missouri. The vendor and manufacture line-up is outstanding! Premier companies such as ICOM, Heil Sound, RF Concepts (Alpha), WB0W, D and L Antennas, Balum Designs, just to name a few will be attending. In addition, we have a stellar line-up of special guests. Attending will be K1ZZ Dave Summer CEO of ARRL, Cliff Ahrens K0CA Midwest Director, Bob Heil of Heil Sound, Gordan West, Bill Pasternak, Carole Perry who will be heading up our youth program, W8JI, K5UR Rick Roderick, W4WT Joe Spear Remote Operations expert, Missouri State Representative Sandy Crawford, just to name a few. Our forum line-up is equally fantastic. We will have forums by K1ZZ for the ARRL Forum, W4WT for remote operation, K5UR for DXing, Gordon West, Bob Heil, Gordon Hardman W0RUN of Alpha, Carole Perry for Youth Activities., along with other technology and Public Service and Emergency Service forums and displays. We are raising the bar for these types of events. We will NOT be charging to enter and attend the Convention. We will be offering "free" tail-gating outside space for all who want to participate. I hope that you decide to attend this exciting event on November 8-9, 2013 in Lebanon, Missouri. Please mark your calendars and let you clubs know!

73,

Ron Lowrance, K4SX

<k4sx@centurytel.net>

Co-Chair, 2013 ARRL Midwest Convention

Assistant Director, ARRL Midwest Division

<http://www.arrlmidwestconvention.com/>

Number of members present: 15

Number of guests: 2

Total Present: 17

**Fred-KBØWIL HARC-Secretary**

**\* ARRL Assistant Director Midwest Division\***

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We are a land of plenty, so be sure to share with someone this season, and remember to thank God for all his love, goodness, and mercy.

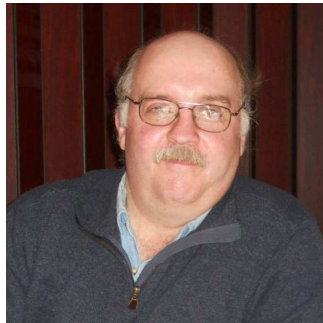
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# Happy Thanksgiving!!!

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK BY DON VARY KDØHHN



Well, here we are approaching the end of another month, and getting close to the end of another year. It's hard to believe the time has gone by. I'm happy to see that Larry, WB2UFO came thru his knee replacement surgery with flying colors and has been getting back on the air. Speaking of air, there has been a definite chill in the air, and it's a sure sign that winter is on its way.

Just a reminder that the ARRL Midwest convention is only a couple of weeks away. It will be held in Lebanon, Missouri on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November and there is no admission charge for either day. While the drive may be a long one, according to the flyers for the event, it would be worth the trip. Also another reminder, that **the November club meeting will be held at the Marion County Health Department office on Route W.** The Health Dept. has graciously offered the basement of their facility to us for a Field Day location for 2014. It was decided to look for a different location that would not expose our members to some of the weather extremes such as heat and rain, for the weekend of Field Day. We decided to hold the next meeting there, so we can see what we would have available, as far as operating areas, rest room facilities, etc. At the October meeting, we also discussed moving the club picnic back to the Field Day event. The basement room has a small kitchenette, which would make some meal preparation a little easier than in the past at Huckleberry. Of course we will still have Huckleberry as a backup in case something happens and the Health Dept. becomes unavailable.

Also, election of officers for the upcoming year will be taking place at the December meeting. Currently, all officers with the exception of Luan, KC9PGS, are seeking re-election. Luan has decided not to run again, so we are looking for someone for the office of Vice-President. The duties are simple, show up to the meetings, and if the President is not there, you have to run the meeting. Also if the President should step down, the Vice-President would take over. If you know of anyone who would be interested in the position, or if you would be yourself, let one of the officers know and we will put your name on the ballot, or have someone nominate you at the December meeting. Well that's all for this month, hope everyone is in good health, stay warm, and hear you on the air

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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY WISHES!**



**Happy Birthday!**



“Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:16)

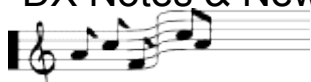
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**DX News and Notes, NOVEMBER 2013**

by Mike Nowack NA9Q



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**DX NOTES...**

As I write this month's column, the Space Weather web site is reporting four successive major solar flares, three class M events yesterday and then today a major Class X2 flare. The prediction is that the effects of these storms will be felt here over the next few days. This means this weekends' 2013 CQWW SSB Test will be right in the crosshairs. The day prior the start of the contest, minor geomagnetic storms were already being reported on the Space Weather webpage. On the positive side, these solar storms may just be the verification that indeed we are going to see a double peak in solar activity for the current solar cycle. Only time will tell. By the time you read this, the contest weekend will be history and we will know how things went. I hope to be on 75M in late evening chasing a few new ones on that band. I'll need a lot of luck and for some very quiet evenings on the low bands.

The International news today included a note that a United Nations Court is expected to soon render a decision which will determine ownership of a number of uninhabited islands in the South China Sea. The Philippines, Indonesia, Viet Nam and China have been all laid claim to one or more of these small islands and coral reefs and have been at loggerheads over jurisdiction. DX'ers know these islands as the Spratley Islands. If the courts' ruling is accepted by all parties, this might mean easier and safer access by DX groups wishing to put the 1S prefix on the air the future.

The Wake Island group whose planned DXpedition to this rare spot was thwarted by the government shutdown on the eve of their departure, reported recently that they are in negotiations with the USAF to reschedule the trip. Since access to the island is strictly controlled by the military, they are at the mercy of the fly boys and other civilian government officials. Stay tuned, I do think this one will come off but it may be another few weeks before their travel tickets get punched and new dates added.

The Amsterdam Island operation is on track for early next year. The group reported that all equipment is on its way and members have finished their final tests of the logging and Club Log upload software. They plan to upload logs daily from this rare island in the South Indian Ocean. They one thing they report they are short of is money. This will be a very expensive operation, with access to the island very problematic, much like the Peter I operation of some years ago. Donations are very much needed.

**DX NEWS....**

3B8, MAURITIUS. Serge, UU5WW, will be active as 3B8/UU5WW from Mauritius Island between November 17-30th. Activity will be holiday style, mostly CW on the HF bands and an entry in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th). QSL via K2PF (OQRS preferred). A Web site with more details will be available soon.

6V, SENEGAL. Vladimir "Vlad", RK4FF, will once again be active as 6V7S between October 22nd and November 27th. Activity will probably be on 80/40/20/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via RK4FF. Log is available on ClubLog.

D4, CAPE VERDE. John, G4IRN, will be active as D44TWQ from Boa Vista, Cape Verde (AF-086), between November 5-12th. Activity will be holiday style on the 30/17/12 meters and on CW only using a K2 and KPA500 into dipoles. QSL via his home callsign, by the Bureau and direct. An OQRS will be available on ClubLog and he will use LoTW.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY (Also PJ7). VE3IKV/VA3RA, will be active as FJ/VA3RA from St. Barts during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Single-Op/Single-Band (10m) entry. Outside of the contest (before and after) look for him to be active on CW, SSB and 6 meters, as well as 10m and 6m mobile around the island. The Grid Square on St. Barts is FK87. He will be on the island between November 21-25th. QSL via VE3IKV. He also mentions that he will travel to Sint Maarten and be active as PJ7/VA3RA between November

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25-28th. Activity will also be on 10 and 6 meters. Also QSL via VE3IKV.

FK/TX5, NEW CALEDONIA. F5IRO, will be active as FK/F5IRO starting sometime at the end of October until February 2014. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using mostly CW and some PSK, with a Elecraft K3 and dipoles and long wire antennas. Freddy will team up with Michel, FK8IK, in Noumea using the special callsign TX5W for the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th). QSL both FK/F5IRO and TX5W via F5IRO, direct or by the Bureau. Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW sometime in March 2014.

FO, FRENCH POLYNESIA. Heinz, DF1YP, is now active as FO/DL1YP from Moorea Island (OC-046) until November 6th. Activity has been mainly 20 meters on SSB. QSL via his home callsign.

HK0/S, SAN ANDRES ISLAND Members of the "DX Friends" will activate San Andres Island as HK0R between November 1-10th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via EA5RM direct or OQRS. Visit their Web page at: <http://www.dxfriends.com/SanAndres2013>

S2, BANGLADESH The Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) announced on Wednesday, October 16th, that this DXpedition will take place between November 16-26th, using two callsigns - S21ZBC from November 16-22nd, and then S21ZBB, from November 23rd for the CQWW CW Contest weekend and the remaining days until they leave the country.

T33, BANABA ISLAND (Update). The T33A operation is fast approaching and is expected November 5-18th. It was reported on the T33A Blog Page this past week that the container departed Suva, Fiji, its way by sea to Tarawa. The advance team will arrive in Tarawa Oct. 31st to attend to picking up local provisions and getting our container unsealed and through customs, and loaded onto our boat in preparation for a Nov. 3rd departure to Banaba Island.

TC0, TURKEY. TA2TX, LZ1NK, LZ1CNN, LZ2UW, LZ3YY, LZ3FN, LZ3ND and LZ5VK will be active as TC0A from Asiatic Turkey in the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via TA2TX or LZ1NK. The team will be there between November 19-25th. Outside the contest, look for the operators to be on CW and SSB signing TA0/homecall. QSL via their home callsign.

TU, COTE D'IVOIRE. Operators F4WBN, F6EXV and DJ8NK will be active as TU5AX, TU5XV and TU5NK, respectively, between November 17-30th. Activity will be on SSB, CW and RTTY, with operations on 160-6 meters (including 60m). QSL via their home callsigns, by the Bureau, direct or the OQRS on Clublog.

V4, ST. KITTS (NA-104). Andy, N2NT, will once again be active as V47NT from the QTH of V47KP between November 17-26th. Activity will include the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 23-24th) signing as V47T and as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via W2RQ.

Z6, REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO Recognized by 105 United Nations member states and qualifying as separate country Z8 will be common on the bands as resident hams take the opportunity to be a rare one. During the most recent European DX Contest (WAEDC) many non-EU stations had difficulty with their contest logging programs on Z6 prefix. A new CTY.dat file can be loaded at: <http://www.country-files.com>.

That is about it for the November issue, good DX. Credit to the ARRL DX Bulletin, The 425 DX Newsletter and the OP DX Newsletter for the above information.

Mike NA9Q



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**FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK  
BY LARRY LAUER WB2UFO**



Larry went through a very painful surgery recently, and we want to wish him a quick recovery! Listen for him on the airways. Good Luck to you Larry!



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**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS!!!**

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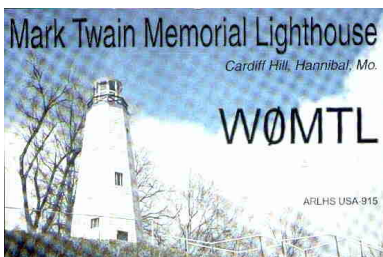
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